

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/1/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-66.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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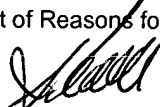
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-66 are pending. Claims 1, 23 and 45 are independent. Claims 2-22, 24-44 and 46-66 are dependent. The closest identified prior art is to Nakao et al. (U.S. Patent 6,141,443).

Claim 1: Claim is addressed to a method for text summarization produced by clustering data points with defined quantified relation values between them. Claim 1 has been amended to define the steps of obtaining a lead value for each data point calculated by taking a sum of all relation values input into the data point and weighted by a frequency of occurrence associated with the data point. A text summarization is then generated by segmenting text input comprising said data points into clusters and forming sets of leaders of said clusters to represent the text summarization. Nakao et al. does not teach this set of features.

Claim 23: Claim 23 is addressed to a system for text summarization produced by clustering data points with defined quantified relation values between them. Claim 23 has been amended to define a means to obtain a lead value for each data point calculated by taking a sum of all relation values input into said data point and weighted by a frequency of occurrence associated with the data point. The system includes means for generating a text summarization by segmenting text input comprising said data points into clusters and forming a set of leaders of said clusters to represent the text summarization. Nakao et al. does not teach this set of features.

Claim 45: Claim 45 is addressed to a computer program product comprising computer readable code for text summarization produced by clustering data points with defined quantified relation values between them. Claim 45 has been amended to define code means to obtain a lead value for each data point calculated by taking a sum of all relation values input into said data point and weighted by a frequency of occurrence associated with said data point. The program

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product includes code means for generating a text summarization by segmenting text input comprising data points into clusters and forming a set of leaders of said clusters to represent the text summarization. Nakao et al. does not teach this set of features.

Accordingly, claims 1, 23 and 45 are allowable. Claims 2-22, 24-44 and 46-66 are dependent therefrom and allowable.